

FORMER NIGHT CLERK AT ROYAL HAWAIIAN RECALLS OLD SCENES

Manager George H. Fassett,
Who Sleeps in Nuuanu,
Paid High Tribute

Those "good old days" in Honolulu are recalled vividly for kamaainas in an interesting description of George H. Fassett, famous Western hotel man and at one time manager of the Royal Hawaiian hotel, written by Dan J. Lyons in The Western Hotel Reporter. Lyons is manager of the Atascadero, Cal., Inn.

Extracts from Mr. Lyons' article tell of the days when monarchy held sway in these islands. Its author was night clerk at the Royal Hawaiian for a time under Manager Fassett:

"George Fassett years ago was chief clerk at the Delavan hotel at Albany, New York, and was a close friend and companion of Grover Cleveland and often went with the former president of many of his fishing excursions.

"He came to San Francisco just 40 years ago as chief clerk of the Baldwin hotel, which at that time was under the management of the late John A. Rice, a hotel keeper of national fame. Rice amassed a fortune by investing in the stock market (on tips furnished by Lucky Baldwin) and leased the Tremont house, which was opened about 1880, and took Fassett with him as chief clerk. Mr. Baldwin went to Chicago and coaxed Fassett back to the coast by offering him the management of the Baldwin hotel, and he proved to be a magnet for the hotel, attracting many of the high-class turfmen and theatrical celebrities to the hotel by the charm of his wonderful mastery of men.

"But he was a man who would not stand interference in the management of the hotel, and one day he resigned and went to Honolulu, where he accepted the management of the Royal Hawaiian hotel and was the most successful manager ever at the head of that famous hostelry. His associate at the hotel was the celebrated Joe Tilden of the Bohemian Club of

San Francisco, raconteur, wit and bon vivant, who was loved by everybody. "At that time there was quite a colony of literary men and artists living in Honolulu, among them being Robert Louis Stevenson and Jules Taverrier (who painted all the big volcano pictures). Fassett was well known to them and they all loved him for his liberality and good nature; he also enjoyed the personal friendship of David Kalakaua, a former king of the islands, who, when Fassett died, gave him a royal funeral. The king's guard was the guard of honor and the royal kahilis were ordered out, which was a rare compliment to the dead hotel keeper.

"Joe Tilden was suffocated by fire occurring in one of the hotel cottages, being rescued by Col. Sam Parker, who, being a big man, was able to carry him out in his arms, but he only lived a few days. He also had a very large funeral, being esteemed by the entire populace. Fassett and Tilden both sleep in the pretty little Nuuanu cemetery, and I wonder how many of the visiting hotel men that make the winter pilgrimage to Honolulu have ever wandered up that way when bound for the Fall. The old gardener will tell them about the two hotel haoles (white men) who came to the islands long years ago and sleep side by side, the one a famous Cordon Bleu (but only to entertain his friends); the other a fearless firefighter who, in addition to his duties as manager of the old hotel, was also a foreman of Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 and always ran with "the old machine" in spite of his extreme weight. (Fassett was a very heavy man when he died).

"Fassett gave me my first chance to stand behind a hotel counter, appointing me key clerk at the Baldwin in 1881, and afterwards as night clerk at the Royal Hawaiian hotel in 1884, and I revere the man for his many fine qualities. James B. Marvin, now living in San Francisco, can substantiate what I say about him and is one of the few men living who was connected with the Baldwin in those years."

MRS. MATSON GETS MOST OF ESTATE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Little B. Matson, widow of Captain William Matson, late head of the Matson Steam Navigation Co., yesterday was awarded a family allowance of \$7500 a month pending the settlement of the estate. The allowance was ordered by Judge Graman after Alexander Morrison, attorney for the estate, had stated that the income from the estate is "more than \$10,000 monthly."

The will was admitted to probate and letters testamentary were granted Mrs. Matson and Morrison. While the estate has not been appraised, it was said by Morrison that it is worth in excess of \$2,000,000.

The awarding of three-quarters of the estate monthly income to Mrs. Matson indicates, it is said, that the settlement effected between the heirs of Captain Matson was on a basis of 75 per cent to Mrs. Matson and her daughter, Mrs. Lurline B. Roth, and the remaining 25 per cent to the five children by Captain Matson's first marriage.

In his will Captain Matson left \$20,000 each to five children by his first marriage: Mrs. Ida Bernard, 77 Short street; Mrs. Emily Forrest, 855 Ocean street; Oakland; Arthur Matson, 1077 61st street; Oakland; Theodore Matson, 66 Short street; and Walter J. Matson, Hillsborough.

One-half of the estate was bequeathed to Mrs. Matson and the remainder was to go to Mrs. Roth.

MONEY ARRIVES FOR HAWAII GUARDSMEN

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence.)
HILO, Hawaii, Dec. 21.—Capt. J. S. Rickard of Company 3, 2nd Regiment, National Guard of Hawaii, has received from Washington a sum of money exceeding two thousand dollars and which is intended for paying the men of the company, which was originally known as Company F, for the period ending December 31, 1916. The money came by drafts and is now available for those who are entitled to it.

Captain Rickard announces that those men who have a claim on the money should call upon him for the cash. Many of the members of the company have scattered throughout the county and they cannot be found at the present time. The pay will prove to be a welcome surprise to the men who have waited a long time for their money.

From Captain Rickard it is learned that 42 men responded to the call to enlist before the date set, December 15, for the closing of the doors to voluntary enlistment, and that this is considered to be very satisfactory.

DROPPING THE GERMAN.

The Superior Court of New York has granted permission to the German-American Insurance Company of New York and the German Alliance Insurance Company to eliminate the word "German" from their corporate

names, both companies being American. Permission has been granted to change the name of the German-American to Great American Insurance Company of New York, and the

German Alliance to American Alliance Insurance Company of New York. As soon as legal requirements have been complied with, both companies will operate under their new

names.

more than mere service," said the head of Plunkville's telephone system. "We like to keep 'em happy by giving 'em something to grumble at."—Kansas City Journal.

BOOZE LICENSES ARE NOT GRANTED

HILO, Dec. 21.—When the license commissioners met yesterday the applications of three Japanese for restaurant licenses were turned down on account of the liquor privileges which were asked for. The three all wanted to start up eating houses where booze could be sold with meals. This proposition did not meet with the approval of the board.

The application of the Hawaii Wine Co. for a transfer of the wholesale liquor license of the Serrao Liquor Co. to it was also turned down by the board. The new company had been formed to do a wholesale liquor business and it wished to acquire the license of the older company.

Inspector Harry Overend made an application for a telephone to be installed in his residence as he has a lot of telephoning to do and has had high bills to pay in many instances. The board decided to grant the boon so the inspector will in future have not to pay anything out of his own pocket.

FRISCO MAN TO HEAD FEDERAL TELEGRAPH COMPANY, IS REPORT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—Dr. Washington Dodge, vice president of the Anglo and London-Panama National Bank, has admitted that he will accept the presidency of the Federal Telegraph Company, which is the operating company for the Poulsen Wireless Corporation.

This announcement may be accepted as marking the consummation of a deal by which strong financial backing is assured to the Federal Telegraph Company and the holding concern, Poulsen Wireless Corporation, here and in the East, and it was said last night that the construction of wireless stations will begin immediately, through which efficient business communication will be established with South America and Europe.

It has been ascertained also that during the last few weeks the Poulsen Company has secured, for the manufacturing end of its business, large Government contracts, both with the United States and European powers.

A party for enlisted men is to be given at the Outrigger club under the chaperonage of the Women's Auxiliary on Friday evening, December 28.

IS KILLED WHEN HE FALLS FROM HORSE

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence.)
HILO, Dec. 21.—By an accident on the plains of Waimea Wednesday afternoon, George Lindsay, a well-known Parker ranch employee, was killed. His body was found by searchers who went out when the horse of the ranchman was discovered wandering about without a rider. When found, the body was cold, the skull was fractured.

Lindsay, who was a noted horseman and who was famous as a breaker of raw colts, went off as usual on Wednesday morning on horseback. Nothing is known as to how he fell, but his dead body was found in the center of the plains on the ranch. The horse had wandered for some distance and it was that fact that made the search party start out.

It is surmised that Lindsay was thrown from his horse in some manner and that he then was almost instantly killed or else that the animal had kicked him on the head after he had fallen from it. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

FAIRMONT HOTEL TAKEN OVER BY D. M. LINNARD

D. M. Linnard, well known in Honolulu, has taken charge of the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco which has been added to the California Chain known as the Big Five. The chain includes the Fairmont and Palace of San Francisco and the Maryland, Huntington and Green of Pasadena.

Mr. Linnard will be in direct charge of the Fairmont and his acquaintance with many Honolulu people is bound to bring him custom from these islands. The Fairmont has a magnificent location on Nob Hill and overlooks the city.

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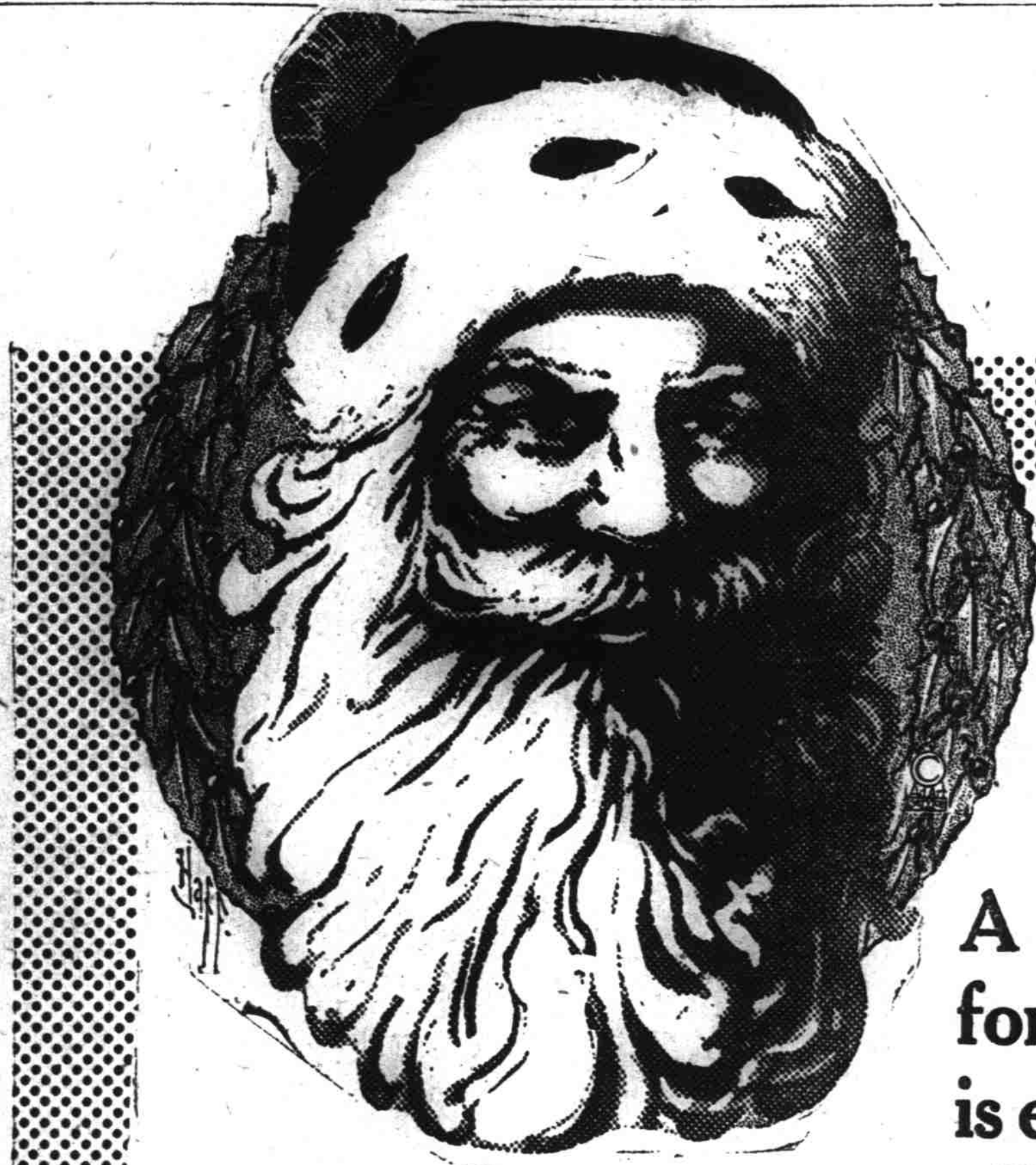
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